

#### **Major Metabolic Pathways of Glucose**



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# **Metabolic Pathway**

- Definition
- Site:

#### **Cellular (tissue) and Subcellular Reactions Rate-limiting enzyme(s) Regulatory mechanism(s): Rapid**, short-term: Allosteric **Covalent modification Slow, long-term: Induction/repression**



## Metabolic Pathways of Glucose: Catabolic and Anabolic

Catabolic cycles Glycolysis (Mainly) Krebs (Mainly) Glycogenolysis HMP Anabolic cycles Gluconeogenesis

Glycogenesis

## **Glycogenesis and Glycogenolysis**

#### Glycogenesis: Synthesis of glycogen from glucose Mainly liver and muscle, Cytosol

Glycogenolysis Degradation of glycogen into glucose Mainly liver and muscle, Cytosol

#### Hexose Monophosphate Pathway (HMP) or Pentose Phosphate Pathway (PPP)

Important source for NADPH Reductive syntheses

Source for metabolically active ribose Production of nucleotides: For nucleic acids For co-enzymes

#### **Glucose Transport**

#### Na<sup>+</sup>-Monosaccharide Cotransporter:

Against concentration gradient Energy dependent Carrier-mediated Coupled to Na<sup>+</sup> transport Small intestine, renal tubules & choroid plexus

#### Na<sup>+</sup>-Independent Facilitated Diffusion: With concentration gradient Energy Independent Glucose Transporters (GLUT 1-14)

### **Glucose Transport: Facilitated Diffusion**



## **Glucose Transporters**

 Tissue-specific expression pattern **GLUT-1 RBCs and brain GLUT-2** Liver, kidney & pancreas **GLUT-3** Neurons **GLUT-4 Adipose tissue & skeletal** muscle **GLUT-5 Small intestine & testes GLUT-7** Liver (ER-membrane) • Functions: GLUT-1, 3 & 4 **Glucose uptake from blood GLUT-2 Blood & cells (either direction) GLUT-5 Fructose transport** 

### **Glycolysis: Objectives**

- Major oxidative pathway of glucose
- > The main reactions of glycolytic pathway
- The rate-limiting enzymes/Regulation
- > ATP production (aerobic/anaerobic)
- Pyruvate kinase deficiency hemolytic anemia

#### **Glycolysis: An Overview**

- Glycolysis, the major pathway for glucose oxidation, occurs in the cytosol of all cells.
- It is unique, in that it can function either aerobically or anaerobically, depending on the availability of oxygen and intact mitochondria.
- It allows tissues to survive in presence or absence of oxygen, e.g., skeletal muscle.
- RBCs, which lack mitochondria, are completely reliant on glucose as their metabolic fuel, and metabolizes it by anaerobic glycolysis.



# Aerobic Vs Anaerobic Glycolysis



## **Aerobic Glycolysis-1**



## Aerobic Glycolysis-2



# Aerobic Glycolysis: 3-5



## **Aerobic Glycolysis: 6 -10**



# **Aerobic Glycolysis-1**

Hexokinase: Most tissues Glucokinase: Hepatocytes



# **PFK-1: Regulation**

#### (1) Allosteric Regulation Inhibited: ATP & citrate Stimulated: AMP & F2,6 bis(P)

(2) Induction/Repression Induced by insulin Repressed by glucagon



## **Aldolase and Triose Isomerase**



## Glyceraldehyde 3-Phosphate Dehydrogenase

Two NADH are produced: For each NADH, 3 ATP will be produced by ETC in the mitochondria i.e., 6 ATP are produced by this reaction of aerobic glycolysis







## **Pyruvate Kinase**



#### **Substrate-level phosphorylation Vs. Oxidative phosphorylation**

- **Phosphorylation** is the metabolic reaction of introducing a phosphate group into an organic molecule.
- Oxidative phosphorylation: The formation of high-energy phosphate bonds by phosphorylation of ADP to ATP <u>coupled to</u> the transfer of electrons from reduced coenzymes to molecular oxygen via the electron transport chain (ETC); it occurs in the mitochondria.
- Substrate-level phosphorylation: The formation of highenergy phosphate bonds by phosphorylation of ADP to ATP (or GDP to GTP) <u>coupled to</u> cleavage of a highenergy metabolic intermediate (substrate). It may occur in cytosol or mitochondria

## **Regulation: Pyruvate Kinase**

#### Allosteric Regulation: Feed-forward by F1,6 bis @

**Covalent Modification:** Active pyruvate kinase: Dephospho-form

Induction/Repression: Induced by insulin Repressed by glucagon



### Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency Hemolytic Anemia



## Summary: Regulation of Glycolysis

Regulatory Enzymes (Irreversible reactions): Glucokinase/hexokinase PFK-1 Pyruvate kinase

Regulatory Mechanisms: Rapid, short-term: Allosteric Covalent modifications Slow, long-term: Induction/repression Apply the above mechanisms for each enzyme where applicable

## **Aerobic Glycolysis: ATP Production**

#### **ATP Consumed:**

ATP Produced: Substrate-level Oxidative-level Total

2 X 2 = 4 ATP 2 X 3 = 6 ATP 10 ATP10 - 2 = 8 ATP

2

ATP

Net:

## **Take Home Message**

- Glycolysis is the major oxidative pathway for glucose
- Glycolysis is employed by all tissues
- Glycolysis is a tightly-regulated pathway
- > PFK-1 is the rate-limiting regulatory enzyme

## **Take Home Message**

- Glycolysis is mainly a catabolic pathway for ATP production, But .....
- > It has some anabolic features (amphibolic)
- Pyruvate kinase deficiency in RBCs results in hemolytic anemia

#### THANK YOU